

regards grant of power of summary eviction, the matter has been referred to the Government of India as it requires amendment of the Indian Forest Act, 1927,

20. That the recommendation (22) to restrict entry into the islands by declaring it as inner line area, and imposing restrictions under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, has been taken up with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India for an appropriate decision,

21. That the recommendation (24) that the DFOs and, where relevant, the Village Protection Committees should be made responsible for prevention, detection and eviction of new encroachments is accepted. Necessary orders in this regard have been issued by the Administration,

22. Recommendation (25) that the Forest Department should be strengthened and appropriate village institutions should be set up, is accepted. The Administration has already taken action to provide vehicles, boats, arms & ammunition and communication equipment through Plan Schemes in the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Administration has also submitted proposals to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, for funding under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the purpose of strengthening of infrastructure,

D. ROAD THROUGH THE JARAWA TRIBAL RESERVE

23. That regarding the recommendation (26) that the Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) should be closed for all traffic